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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FORMER TROY INDIANA POSTMASTER SENTENCED FOR  
MISAPPROPRIATION OF POSTAL FUNDS**



Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced today that LARRY JOE HAGEDORN, 50, of Lamar, Indiana, was sentenced late friday to two years of probation today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to one count of misappropriation of postal funds. This case was the result of an investigation by the Postal Inspection Service.

HAGEDORN pled guilty to the misappropriation charge in court immediately before he was sentenced. According to facts presented in court at the time of his guilty plea, HAGEDORN was the Postmaster of the Troy Indiana Post Office between September of 1997 and July of 2003. During this time period, he had full control over the post office stamp

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stock. On July 8, 2003, an audit of the stamp stock was conducted by outside postal service personnel. A stamp stock shortage of approximately \$5,000 was discovered during the course of the audit. Between the first and second day of the audit HAGEDORN made a \$5,000 deposit into the post office's bank account using his own personal funds to cover an expected deficiency.

HAGEDORN later admitted to an investigator with the Postal Inspection Service that he had borrowed funds from the post office in the approximate amount of \$5,285 and that he failed to pay the money back.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed a fine of \$5,000 and ordered HAGEDORN to complete 100 hours of community service while on probation.

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